(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent, this would help to improve the working of the PSUs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Development of Industrially backward areas

1840. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has formulated any new schemes for the development of industrially backward rural areas in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for speedy development of backward areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For speedy development of Industrially backward areas of the country, Government of India is implementing a number of schemes such as Package relating to New Industrial Policy in other concessions in the North Eastern Region and Sikkim, Package relating to New Industrial Policy & other concession in Special Category States (Jammu & Kashmir, Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh), Transport Subsidy Scheme, Growth Centre Scheme, Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme, etc.